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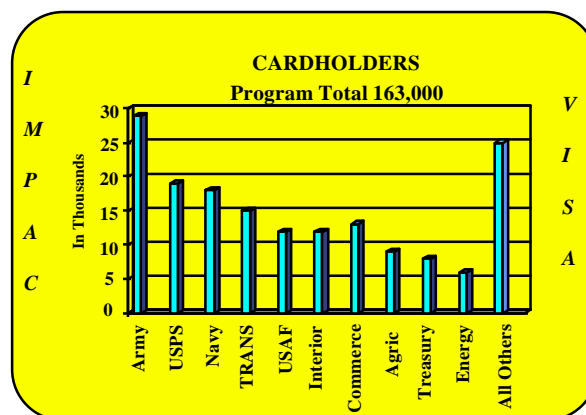
ARMY ACQUISITION REFORM



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ARMY IMPAC PROGRAM RECEIVES NATIONAL RECOGNITION IN ITS CHARGE TO THE "TOP"

The Army's International Merchant Purchase Authorization Card (IMPAC) Program was recognized as the largest in the Federal Government in the Spring 1996 issue of the Vice President Gore's Reinvention Roundtable Newsletter. This little piece of plastic is one of the Army's biggest weapons in making war on procurement costs, cutting red tape and eliminating delays. It's not the credit card alone that's revolutionizing the purchase system, but also who is using it. The Army performed 29% of the total Federal Government's sales in the program and has in excess of 28,000 cardholders.



ARMY EXCEEDS ONE MILLION IMPAC TRANSACTIONS

The IMPAC statistical report ending on June 29, 1996, credited the Army with 1,114,414 credit card transactions. Using preliminary results of a recent AAA audit, a savings of \$80 results every time a credit card transaction takes the place of a purchase order. This means much as \$80 million may have been saved through the Army's use of the IMPAC card this fiscal year.

PROPERTY ACCOUNTABILITY THRESHOLD CHANGES

On 28 May 1996, Dr. John Hamre OSD Comptroller, issued policy changing the property accountability threshold for the DoD to "at least the dollar value of the micropurchase threshold (currently \$2500). This change will result in significant savings to the Army and DoD. This change is a result of one of the many initiatives recommended by the OSD Purchase Card IPT. Look for more streamlining initiatives as they are approved. Initiatives under review include bulk funding of cards, elimination of the priority for obtaining commercial items from local and DoD wholesale supply, elimination of prepurchase documentation and approvals and promoting the use of the card as a ordering/payment tool against blanket agreements up to \$25000.

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